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BOYCOTT END.

Calling off Mandate
Difficulty.

STRIKERS TO CONTINUE.

Canton Government Considering
Proclamation.

About the only development of importance during the week-end in connection with the settlement of the boycott is a very reliable report that the Canton Government is considering a mandate to call off the strike and to resume communications with Hong Kong.

The "China Mail" also learns that the officials engaged in the task are meeting with difficulties in finding suitable wording for this proclamation.

The strikers, on the other hand, give the impression that they intend to continue, their attitude being one of a change from the old form of blockade to a new boycott movement.

Vigilance can be said to have relaxed a little more but strike pickets are still pursuing their activities.

Pensioner Molested.

The Strike Executive (comprising so-called delegates from unions) held a full meeting on September 30 when they passed eight resolutions, the gist of which is given below.

Foreign ships are not allowed to pass the martial-law area at Whampoa between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Last week a pensioner of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., entered Shamshui to draw his pension. As he was leaving, he was brutally dealt with by pickets who put him in a basket and arrested him.

On the other hand, sampan folk are displaying more initiative in intercourse with the Hong Kong steamboats and merchants are still optimistic.

Position Summed Up.

The position can be summed up as follows:—A minority faction in the Canton Government is still firmly opposed to a settlement. The Government intends to call off the pickets and therefore permit resumption of communications. The real end of the boycott, as pointed out in Saturday's "China Mail" is contingent on the fiscal conditions.

Unofficial views are that Canton will probably have called off all pickets by October 10 or thereabouts and that the strikers will have all been demobilised in four months, during which period, they will still be assisted.

Although the cordon has been relaxed somewhat, traffic has shown little improvement.

The resolutions passed by the strikers are:—

Strikers' New Policy.

1. In order to consolidate and increase the revolutionary force, the old form of blockade is to be changed to a new boycott movement to be extended to all over the country. Before a satisfactory settlement of the massacre cases of May 30 and June 28, and cancellation of unequal treaties, this new movement will not stop even for a single day.

2. The strikers agree with the Government to impose the proposed new tax and will urge the Government to enforce the operation of this tax at an early date. But at the same time the Government will be requested to fulfil its word that the proceeds from this tax will be entirely appropriated as subsidies for the strikers and will not be used for any other purpose.

3. The Strike Committee, the Strikers Delegation Association, the Strike Picket Corps and the other Strike Organisations will all remain as before.

4. Strikers, pending securing employment, will receive same treatment as before and so will those strikers that cannot find work and return.

5. The Government be requested to instruct the Finance Ministry to take the whole responsibility for financial support for the strikers.

6. The Government be urged to open the Whampoa port and extend the Yueh-Han Railway line so as to find work for the strikers. Any new industrial institutions, and those old institu-

MOTOR DANGERS.

SEVERAL ACCIDENTS IN
WEEK-END.

DIVE INTO RIVER.

Several motor accidents occurred during the week-end, none fatal, but a European resident was rather seriously injured while cycling yesterday and now lies in hospital.

Mr. G. H. de Veer of the Netherlands Trading Society had to receive first aid treatment on the road.

At Tai-po, a lorry full of passengers and goods dived into the river.

Details follow:—

A Dangerous Bend?

Mr. de Veer was on the round-the-island road, going from Stanley towards Shaikwan. He was on an Indian solo. Taking a bend at an incline, he seemed either to lose control or to have rounded at a faulty angle, with the result that he charged into the embankment.

He was thrown off by a violent impact and his left leg was seriously injured above the ankle.

Dr. J. K. Milward, a local practitioner, happened to be passing. First aid was rendered by the doctor, who also took Mr. de Veer to hospital.

Mr. de Veer is a sub-accountant in the local office of the Netherlands Trading Society.

A friend of his, who was cycling with him, on another machine, notified the police.

Lorry Through Railways.

The incident at Tai-po was on Saturday.

About 2.10 p.m., a transport motor lorry (No. 1372) left the market with passengers and merchandise for Fanling. Almost immediately after the start, the lorry crashed through the iron railings on the roadside, and dived into the shallow river below, not far from the railway.

Several of the passengers received cuts, none serious. They were all picked out but the driver of the lorry absconded, for fear of the consequences.

Pedestrian to Blame?

Yesterday morning, Mr. John Arnold's car (driven by his Indian chauffeur) accidentally knocked over a Chinese shop coolie (35) in Connaught Road Central, near Douglas wharf, when the man ran across the road, to foul the front of the car.

The coolie was found to have suffered a compound fracture in the ankle and he was taken to hospital.

Just below the Saiyungpun School was the scene of another accident yesterday.

About 1.15 p.m., public motor car No. 318 (Mee Wah garage) was going up Pokfulam Road. Near the junction with Second Street, a Chinese woman (62) was bowled over. She had slight injuries to her head and refused medical attention.

REPUBLIC'S BIRTH.

PORTUGAL'S ANNIVERSARY
TO-MORROW.

OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

On the occasion of the proclamation of Portugal as a Republic, the Consul-General for Portugal, Mr. A. L. C. de Albuquerque e Castro, is holding an official reception at the Club Lusitano to-morrow, from 11 a.m. to 12 o'clock, noon.

It was in 1910 that a revolution broke out in Portugal, followed by the proclamation of a Republic, a republican constitution being adopted in 1911 and formally recognised by the Powers.

OBITUARY.

A. W. ROBERTSON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Oct. 4.
Mr. A. W. Robertson, a well-known sportsman, fell from a window of the Europe Hotel early to-day and was killed.

tions when re-opening, must employ strikers first.

7. To join the various classes of people for extending the Severance of Economic Relations with the British, and also to request the Government to encourage this new movement.

8. To make all the strike comrades to understand this new policy to be the best and most effective of tactics to attain final success for all the strikers.

A BETTER EUROPE.

ANOTHER STEP TOWARD
RECONSTRUCTION.

HELPFUL CONFERENCES.

London, Oct. 3.

The suggestion that Sir Austen Chamberlain's meeting with Signor Mussolini at Leghorn last week was somehow arranged to counter-balance the interview between M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann at Thoiry was ridiculed by Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was interviewed by Reuters on his return from his holiday.

He said that such an idea showed a total misconception of their relations. He saw in the meeting another step toward the reconstruction of Europe, and the natural and most satisfactory consequence of the Treaty of Locarno, and Germany's entry into the League.

Later, when Sir Austen Chamberlain was traversing Paris he had another friendly conversation, namely, with M. Briand, to whom he was able to give an account of what happened at Thoiry.

Both interviews were full, frank, and friendly meetings. Sir Austen Chamberlain is similarly on friendly terms with Dr. Stresemann, hence the meetings will serve to cause peace, but the people must not expect the whole world to change because we had conversations," Reuters.

Community of Views.

Rugby, October 3.

Sir Austen Chamberlain on his way home from Italy had an interview in Paris with M. Briand, the French Foreign Minister.

Afterwards a joint communique was issued to the Press stating that in the course of an interview, "M. Briand and Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised and defined the community of views and purposes for the solution of international problems at the present issue. Sir Austen Chamberlain, who, at Geneva, had been informed of the intention of his French colleague to hold conversations with the German Foreign Minister, had to leave Switzerland before the interview at Thoiry and has been resting during a fortnight's cruise in the Mediterranean. Before returning to London and resuming work at the Foreign Office he desired to stop in Paris to meet the French Foreign Minister. The two statesmen have examined the foreign situation and in particular the question of Franco-German relations, the direction of which has been defined by the Locarno agreement and the Thoiry conversations. The conversations took place in a favourable atmosphere, which was assured by the personal relations between the two Ministers. They have been able to emphasise that their entire interests of peace remains closer, more cordial, and more secure than ever."

Sir Austen Chamberlain will be back in London this evening.—British Wireless Service.

NEW MOSQUE.

AUSPICIOUS OPENING NEAR
LONDON.

MERELY A BEGINNING.

London, Oct. 3.
The long efforts of the Ahmadiyya sect of Moslems to establish a worthy centre in Britain were consummated to-day by the opening of a Mosque at Southfields, south-west of London, in the presence of a large crowd of Moslems from all over the world, M.P.'s and other distinguished persons.

The Mosque should have been opened by Emir Faisal, son of Ibn Saud, and there was a general disappointment among the faithful when it was announced that Faisal has been forbidden by his father to attend.

Abdul Qadir, ex-Minister of the Punjab, performed the ceremony, and hoped that the Mosque was merely a beginning and that a bigger Mosque could be built later.—Reuters.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 5/16.

MR. R. E. LINDELL.

ACCIDENT WHILE PLAYING
BADMINTON.

COLLAPSED AT PEAK.

Regret will be expressed by friends at an unfortunate accident yesterday to Mr. R. E. Lindell, one of the most popular men in the Colony.

Mr. Lindell was playing badminton at the Peak Club, when he made a sudden turn. A muscle in the leg seemed to give way badly and Mr. Lindell collapsed. He was assisted away and is now receiving attention.

It is thought that he will have recovered sufficiently to leave the house by Wednesday or Thursday.

This morning, Mr. E. W. Hamilton (2nd Assistant Colonial Secretary), a previous stipendiary magistrate and the first to sit at Kowloon, took Mr. Lindell's place as First Police Magistrate.

In addition to badminton, Mr. Lindell is also keen in other branches of sport, being President of the Kowloon Cricket Club.

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EARTH TROLLEY DRIVER'S
CLAIM.

70 cents a day was the salary of the driver of an earth trolley who was plaintiff in a Summary court action this morning, claiming \$22 as balance due on three months' salary from his employer.

Plaintiff alleged that he became ill and was unable to work. His employer pressed him to return to work and on his being unable to comply plaintiff was dismissed.

The employer's version was that the plaintiff had already overdrawn his salary to the extent of \$17 but after hearing evidence, Mr. Justice Wood found for plaintiff.

EAST SURREYS.

FAREWELL "TROOPING OF
THE COLOUR."

In connection with the departure of the East Surrey Regiment from Hong Kong there will be a ceremony on October 14 of "Trooping of the Colour."

This will take place on Murray Barracks Parade Ground and is timed to commence at 4.30 p.m.

BETTER WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow the official forecast for the weather (for Hong Kong, coast and Formosa Channel) is:—moderate E. winds, fair.

At 11.00 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased considerably over N.E. Japan, is nearly stationary from S.W. Japan to S. Formosa and over Indo-China, and has decreased slightly elsewhere.

The anticyclone has strengthened and is moving north-eastward into the Pacific.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day:—barometer 29.87; temperature 78; humidity 81; wind E., force 4; weather, overcast.

BURGULARS BUSY.

Mr. G. E. Webb, of No. 581, Nathan Road (2nd floor), Orient Building, has lost a silver and cut-glass bottle valued at \$22 and a gold brooch costing \$30. A thief got in through an open verandah door on Saturday night.

Mrs. Kardish, a passenger on the P. & O. s.s. "Khyber," lost from her cabin while the ship was in port a silver watch worth \$45 and a \$1 note. The letter notifying the Police was not received till the steamer had sailed.

CONFUCIUS DAY.

Confucius Day was appropriately celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday by schools and other organizations.

There were celebrations at the New Park and Wing On Street, where the unique "pal-lau" (triumphal) coloured arches reached great heights.

WAR VAGARIES.

Captures, Then, Talk of
Peace!

SUN UNDECIDED, NOT UNREADY.

Lull in Allied Advance Towards
Wuchang.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Such are the vagaries of war! While capturing some of his enemy and prosecuting an offensive against the heart of the Cantonese, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang is still lending ear to peace overtures.

As gossip in Shanghai said when he won his first victory, he is not Sun the Unready, but Sun the Undecided.

Still preaching "Pao Ching An Min" (peace if you leave me alone), he continues to hammer away at the northern flank of the Cantonese line.

East week, his strategic moves between the lower Yangtse and Tayeh Lake have fully bent back the salient which the southerners had put into Kiangsi.

Now there seems to be a lull in the victorious march towards Wuchang (in Hupeh) and the only reason is because Sun Chuan-fang still hopes for peace.

Like General Gordon.

This attitude is hard to explain. When Chang Kai-shek wheeled to the right, he unconsciously followed the example of a famous Cantonese rebel 70 years ago, who kept on the southern bank of the Yangtse and trekked to Nanking. That rising, by the way, was quelled by General Gordon (of Khartoum).

Is Sun Chuan-fang to prove the Gordon of to-day, from the point of view of the North?

He has three main armies, fighting towards the west, from Kiangsi. The most southerly is making little or no progress. The "centre" has more than held its ground and is forcing back the Cantonese. The northern wing has won all the honours.

But there now seems to be hesitation giving the appearance that Sun Chuan-fang would still welcome peace, rather than war, provided he got some material benefit.

5,000 Cantonese Captured.

Hankow, Oct. 3.

The situation here is unchanged.

There has been firing at passing vessels at Huangchow, where military operations are proceeding.—Official Despatch.

The "China Mail" also learns from a well-informed source that the allies have captured up to 5,000 prisoners on this part of the Kiangsi-Hupeh sector.

Allied Surprise.

Peking, Oct. 2.

The landing of part of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's force at Tayeh is shown in later despatches to have been a strategic move which surprised the southerners and interfered seriously with their lines of communication between Changsha, Nanchang, and Hanyang.

Southern peace missions seeking armistice terms, it is stated, are arriving at Marshal Sun's headquarters.

The latter appears to be inclined to insist on the evacuation of Kiangsi by the southerners and raising the siege of Wuchang as the first requisites to any discussion.

Armistice Suggestions. The southerners, on the other hand, though evidently prepared to withdraw from Kiangsi, are said to be insisting in other respects that the present status must be maintained.

It is reported from Hankow that the "Uing" an American steamer belonging to the Yangtze Rapids Co. was commandeered at Kweichow and compelled to transport troops to a point two miles above Ichang.

Peace Not Wanted.

Shanghai, Oct. 3.

A Hankow message of October 2 states that the Wuchang negotiations would appear now to have definitely broken down.

Peace delegates from Hankow made a third attempt on October 1 to approach the city from the Yangtze by launch, but met with street fire and were forced to turn back. They were forced hurriedly to retire.—Reuters.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

BANKING.

RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK'S AFFAIRS.

Peking, Sept. 2.
According to the "Chenpao" the French Minister yesterday called at the Waichiao (Chinese Foreign Office) in connection with the Chinese Government's announcement of its intention to order the separate liquidation of the "China branches of the Russo-Asiatic Bank."

The paper says that he pointed out that the Bank was registered as a French concern under French Government protection, since the Russian Revolution. Therefore the Chinese Government, if it wished to appoint liquidators, should have first sought the approval of the French Government which could not otherwise recognise such appointments.

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No. 17 of 1925.
Re Wing Cheong Lung firm, of No. 140, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei.
A first and final dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of Wing Cheong Lung firm, of No. 140, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, adjudicated bankrupt on May 28, 1924.

Creditors who have not proved their debts by November 2, 1926, will be excluded.

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FRENCH FINANCE.

GRADUAL RECOVERY SINCE JULY.

Paris, Oct. 3.
A detailed analysis of the financial situation in France, officially published, shows that the revenue for the past ten months of 1926, compared with 1925, showed an increase of 20 per centum.—Reuter.

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M. Poincare, in a letter addressed to the Presidents of the Finance Committee of Parliament, describes the gradual recovery of the financial position since the crisis in July. The revenue returns for the first eight months of 1926 showed an increase of 29 per centum, compared with the same period for 1925. When the Ministry was formed, on July 24, the amount which the Treasury could legally draw from the Banque de France was down to one million francs. The Treasury situation steadily improved in August and September, issues of National Defence and Treasury Bonds totalling 1,786 million francs. From July 22 to September 30 the State borrowed from the Banque 1,550 millions, reimbursed 3,230 millions, thus having a credit balance of 1,700 millions. Since the change in the Constitution, the Ministry of the Treasury had effected payments abroad totalling \$7,242,178 sterling and \$15,900,000 (gold) and \$1,036,000.—Havas.

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MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James H. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, in their weekly report dated September 1, state:—

The demand for yarn and cloth is very quiet, and it is curious that against this apathy which is being experienced, prices are maintained at a steady figure. Spinners and Manufacturers put up a stolid front to the very poor offers which are coming from abroad. There appears to be a disposition among buyers to raise bids slowly but the process requires speeding up. They are still too far out in many instances for there to be a chance of successful negotiation. Certain classes of goods are somewhat dearer than last week, and the question of guaranteed delivery makes otherwise possible business difficult. There are plenty of enquiries and some have a chance of coming to book, but the difficulty of fixing a definite delivery date spoils such chance. The coal trouble is the predominating factor in most cases, owing to the determination of producers to refuse contracts which do not include a protection against penalties for late delivery caused by the Coal Strike. The bulk of enquiry this week is from India, practically all the markets operating, the chief exception being Calcutta from which market there is barely a nibble. Judged from the point of view of enquiry, perhaps the market has been rather more active, but the volume of business actually done shows a decrease rather than an increase. Buyers abroad either cannot for local reasons, or will not realise the peculiar circumstances prevailing. The position is certainly difficult to understand. We were promised by estimate a large crop of the raw material, but on the other hand producers have been losing money and are trying by the new scheme to alter things. It is worthy of note that the world's takings of cotton up to date are ahead of last year to the extent of about 70,000 bales, and crop ideas are somewhat changed in authoritative quarters, some mentioning a possibility of only 14,000,000 bales whilst others go as high as 14,500,000. This is accounted for by continuous rain not allowing the plants to fruit freely; also the weather has been very favourable to the development of insect troubles, more so than for many years past. With a diminished amount of cotton coming into sight, the visible supply is left with a loss of 63,000 bales, against a gain of 123,000 bales this time last year.

"I am in favour of peace societies and peace parades to the extent that the more people talk about peace the better it is."—Lady Astor.

Paris, Oct. 3.
A detailed analysis of the financial situation in France, officially published, shows that the revenue for the past ten months of 1926, compared with 1925, showed an increase of 20 per centum.—Reuter.

Paris, Oct. 3.
M. Poincare, in a letter addressed to the Presidents of the Finance Committee of Parliament, describes the gradual recovery of the financial position since the crisis in July. The revenue returns for the first eight months of 1926 showed an increase of 29 per centum, compared with the same period for 1925. When the Ministry was formed, on July 24, the amount which the Treasury could legally draw from the Banque de France was down to one million francs. The Treasury situation steadily improved in August and September, issues of National Defence and Treasury Bonds totalling 1,786 million francs. From July 22 to September 30 the State borrowed from the Banque 1,550 millions, reimbursed 3,230 millions, thus having a credit balance of 1,700 millions. Since the change in the Constitution, the Ministry of the Treasury had effected payments abroad totalling \$7,242,178 sterling and \$15,900,000 (gold) and \$1,036,000.—Havas.

Paris, Oct. 3.
The "Chenpao" says that he pointed out that the Bank was registered as a French concern under French Government protection, since the Russian Revolution. Therefore the Chinese Government, if it wished to appoint liquidators, should have first sought the approval of the French Government which could not otherwise recognise such appointments.

Vice-Minister Wang Yin-tai is said to have replied that since China does not recognise that the Bank had any relation with France and had never been notified of any such claim the French Government was not in a position to interfere with the action taken by the Chinese Government and there was no occasion for seeking the French Government's consent.

The "Chenpao" says that Wang Chung-hua, M. Padoux who assumed office as chief associate liquidators, respectively, on Monday.—Reuter.

Story Denied.
Peking, later.
The "Chenpao's" story of the alleged interview between the French Minister and the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs regarding the Russo-Asiatic Bank, telegraphed earlier, is officially denied.—Reuter.

STEEL TRUST.

SATISFACTION IN GERMANY.
Berlin, Oct. 2.
German opinion of the European steel trust is vividly reflected in a vigorous spurt of business on the Berlin Bourse.—Reuter.

Regulating the Market.
Berlin, Oct. 2.
The conclusion of the steel pact has caused much satisfaction. A leading Rhenish industrialist estimates that under the agreement Germany in the first year will have to pay between two and three million dollars, namely, roughly three marks a ton exported, but this is nevertheless advantageous for Germany, which will now be enabled to regulate the German market. He is further of the opinion that the "prices on the international market can be revised and controlled. The agreement is regarded as the beginning of a revival on the European market.—Reuter.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

OFFICIAL NOTICES IN THE GAZETTE.
The following notices are published in the "Government Gazette":
No. 14 of 1925.

Notice of Dividend Declared.
Re Leung Cho-kwan alias Leung Chou-kwan of Messrs. Hoi Fung Hong, of No. 71, Connaught Road, West.
A first dividend of \$5 per cent has been declared in the above matter.

Notice is given that the above mentioned dividend may be received at the Official Receiver's Office, on October 6, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on any subsequent day during office hours.

Notice of Intended Dividend.
No. 17 of 1925.
Re Wing Cheong Lung firm, of No. 140, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei.
A first and final dividend is intended to be declared in the matter of Wing Cheong Lung firm, of No. 140, Shanghai Street, Yaumatei, adjudicated bankrupt on May 28, 1924.

Creditors who have not proved their debts by November 2, 1926, will be excluded.

Notice of Receiving Order and Adjudged General Meeting of Creditors.
No. 38 of 1926.
Re Kaley and Company, of No. 66, Queen's Road Central.
Position dated July 9, 1926.
Receiving Order dated September 18, 1926.

Notice is given that Wednesday, October 6, at 10.30 a.m., has been fixed for the "adjudged" general meeting of creditors in the above matter, to be held at the Official Receiver's Office.

At the "adjudged" general meeting, the creditors will be asked to consider whether the debtor shall be adjudged bankrupt.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888, and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two

October 1 to 7, 1926.

Table with 4 columns: DATE, HIGH WATER, LOW WATER. Rows for Oct 1 to Oct 7.

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Sept. 30, June, June, 1925, 1918, 1914.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1925, 1918, 1914. Rows for Chicken, Ducks, etc.

Fruits.

Sept. 30, June, June, 1925, 1918, 1914.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1925, 1918, 1914. Rows for Apples, Bananas, etc.

Vegetables, &c.

Sept. 30, June, June, 1925, 1918, 1914.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1925, 1918, 1914. Rows for Artichokes, Beans, etc.

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NOTICES.

NOTICE.

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Hong Kong, 4th October, 1926.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Pavilion on FRIDAY, the 15th OCTOBER, 1926 at 5.30 p.m.

AND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON FRIDAY THE 15th day of OCTOBER, 1926, immediately after the holding of the GENERAL MEETING, a drawing for the redemption of One hundred (100) Debentures will be held.

The numbers of the Debentures drawn will be published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette, and the local Newspapers, and holders of drawn Debentures may, upon giving notice to the Treasurer, waiving the 6 months' notice by which they are entitled, apply on the 31st OCTOBER, 1926 to the Treasurer, Messrs. PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING, for payment of the principal and interest to the 31st OCTOBER, 1926.

By Order of the Committee,

J. D. HUMPHREYS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st October 1926.



HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE INSTITUTE will re-open on MONDAY, October 4. Students joining Classes held at Queen's College will be enrolled at the Education Department only; those joining Classes held at the Central British School, Kowloon, may be enrolled at that School. Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Department or the Central British School.

Hong Kong, 1st October, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 9th October, 1926, commencing at 3.15 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 2.45 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1, for all persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5, each up to FRIDAY, 8th October, 1926.

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BOY SCOUTS.

CONCERT BY CHINESE TROOP.

INSPIRING ADDRESS.

In celebration of the first anniversary of its foundation, the 20th Hong Kong Troop of Boy Scouts gave a very enjoyable concert on Saturday night at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., which was well attended.

Mr. Li Jowson presented all those who had served the troop for a year with service stars. Speeches were also delivered.

The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave said:—Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity of speaking to you about the Boy Scouts on the anniversary of the foundation of the 20th Hong Kong Troop—a young troop which has already proved in the past year the value of its existence by serving the public, particularly at fires. Boy Scouts are now a well-known sight in Hong Kong, but all the same very few people who are not Scouts understand what they really are and what their purpose is.

About 20 years ago a man who even then was well known and is far more so now, Sir Robert Baden Powell, saw how many men and boys watched games without playing them, and instead of growing up strong and clever, grew up weak and foolish men. He also had seen how few of these young men could look after themselves when alone or knew what to do in the case of an accident of any sort. So he thought out a plan, and then took thirty boys to camp on an island for two weeks where he tried his plan, and with such success that he published the book "Scouting for Boys" in 1908. At present, not only in Britain but all over the world, in almost every country of every nation, there are Boy Scouts, a great World Brotherhood of Service. In 1924 there was a great meeting of Scouts in Denmark, at which there were Scouts from 32 nations, including China, all having the same training and doing the same tests, with this one great purpose—that they might all "Be Prepared" not only to know what to do what is best for all, but to be able to do it—a great crowd of well trained, efficient, young citizens. For that is the great purpose of Scouting—to make the boys of to-day into the good citizens of to-morrow. It is not a military nor a naval organization, though the Chinese name gives that idea. Nor is it a political movement, nor for any one nation, class, or religion. It is a peace movement. As I have already said, boys of all nations, rich and poor; of all sects belong to this great Brotherhood.

But this training is given in an unusual way—by games in the open air. The Chief Scout of the world calls it "The Game of Scouting for Boys," and not only boys play this game, but grown men as well. The oldest member of Scouting is over 84 years of age, and the youngest about six, though eight is officially the youngest possible age for a boy to be a Cub, which is the name given to the younger members of the movement, whilst Scouts of over 18 years of age are called Rover Scouts. Also, the training is not given in "school" fashion, but the leading Boy Scout in each little party of six boys, or patrol, as we name such a party, helps in teaching scouting to those Scouts under him. The result of the training has proved that a good Scout can do a man's work with the courage of a man. Training is given to the body, by sports, to the mind by teaching, all sorts of work, to character, and to the soul by studying the works of nature. So Scouts can become good useful cheerful citizens. The boys train themselves as well, by learning to obey the simple rules and living up to them.

I have already called the Scout movement a Brotherhood. About two years ago, I was speaking to a large body of Scouts in London and beside me on the platform sat two Chinese Rover Scouts—one from Foochow, and a French school master on his way to Tientsin presented a letter of introduction. He was a Scoutmaster, and all the way from France, at each port at which his ship had called, he had made friends among the Scouts ashore. So also a Japanese Rover Scout, in passing through Hong Kong, came to see me. A Hong Kong Scout fell ill, and was sent on a holiday to Australia. I gave him a letter of introduction, and the Australian Scouts gave him a very warm welcome indeed. You will see what membership of this movement means. A Chinese Scout, going to Europe, would find friends among the Scouts at once. (Applause.)

The gathering greatly enjoyed the programme of songs, and music that followed.

LOCAL WEDDING.

CEREMONY IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

AUSTIN—SUCKLING.

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon, the parties being Winifred Suckling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Suckling, of Walthamstow, London, and Percy J. Austin, of the Chinese Maritime Customs.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiated, Mr. F. Mason being at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. Wiltshire, looked charming in a white crepe de Chine dress with French cream lace, veil and orange blossom.

Miss D. Wiltshire, the chief bridesmaid, wore a mauve, crepe de Chine dress with silver lace shoes, and stockings to match. The Misses Elsie and Flossie Wiltshire, other bridesmaids, wore apricot satin dresses with hats to match, and Miss Alice Dedear, the flower girl, a pale blue satin dress with wreath of pale blue flowers and silver lace.

Master Willie Robertson attended the bride as page.

Mrs. J. Wiltshire, matron of honour, was attired in a beige crepe de Chine gettée dress with sleeves, hat, shoes and stockings to match.

Mr. George (Paddy) Flynn, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Lappa, was best man and Mr. J. Davidson, also of the Chinese Maritime Customs, was groomsmen.

A reception was held at B. flat, married quarters, Victoria Gaol, prior to the bride and bridegroom leaving for their honeymoon.

The bride's travelling dress was a beige two piece suit, of marocain and French repp, with hat, shoes, and stockings to match.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a silver dressing table set.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR OCTOBER, 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
October 4	6.15	6.09
" 5	6.15	6.08
" 6	6.15	6.07
" 7	6.15	6.06
" 8	6.15	6.05
" 9	6.17	6.04
" 10	6.17	6.03
" 11	6.18	6.02
" 12	6.18	6.02
" 13	6.19	6.01
" 14	6.19	6.00
" 15	6.19	5.59
" 16	6.20	5.58
" 17	6.20	5.57
" 18	6.21	5.56
" 19	6.21	5.55
" 20	6.21	5.55
" 21	6.22	5.54
" 22	6.22	5.53
" 23	6.23	5.52
" 24	6.23	5.52
" 25	6.24	5.51
" 26	6.25	5.50
" 27	6.25	5.50
" 28	6.25	5.49
" 29	6.26	5.49
" 30	6.26	5.48
" 31	6.27	5.47

"I am prepared for things of beauty at any moment."—Prof. Jose Pijoan.



A WOMAN'S ATTRACTION. Lost If She Is Anaemic.

The women who most readily win the admiration of the opposite sex now-a-days are those who are full-blooded, bright-eyed, energetic and vivacious. Men realize that such are the women who make happy wives, cheerful companions, their help-meets accordingly. The corresponding attractiveness of some men is due to the same cause. The thin, listless, pallid woman, and the emaciated man who seems to lack the usual vigour of that all too common malady, Anaemia, or poverty of blood.

Watch yourself, and if your energy and attraction are diminished you will find that you have other anaemic symptoms as well. Your lips are pale, your appetite is feeble, you are easily tired, a little exertion, such as running upstairs, makes your heart beat distressingly hard.

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Writing probably before the proclamation from Canton guaranteeing immunity from interference with foreign missions and mission hospitals in South China, Mr. C. I. Planchett, in St. Andrew's Church monthly magazine, refers to the fact that "neither the strikers' headquarters in Canton nor the pickets in Pakhoi will allow twenty-one cases of hospital stores (not food), to be landed in Pakhoi for the relief of suffering, because the goods came from Britain. The cases have been lying in the Kowloon Godowns since February, 1925. Dr. Samuel Sing, of Hang-chow, had promised to go to Pakhoi to take charge of the Hospital but on the way was captured by bandits and is still in captivity."

FOOD SHORTAGE.

IS THE WORLD RUNNING SHORT?

Is the world running short of food?

Sir Daniel Hall, president of the agriculture section, said that it is, and since his lecture was so pessimistic, it is well to record at once that most of the experts who followed him disagreed with his conclusions. It seems that 2½ acres of land are required to feed every white man, and the increase in the white population between 1870 and 1910 was 100 million. The total cultivated land in the world. The greater part of this enlargement is, of course, in North America and Australia.

If the white population goes on increasing at the present rate of five million a year, where is the land to be found which can be cultivated to provide more food?

Land Getting Scarce.

That was the question which the lecturer asked, and his own reply was that land of the required sort is getting scarce. Actually, on a basis of population, twelve million more acres should be taken into cultivation every year, but no such progress was going on; indeed, in many crops, there had been an actual shrinkage of cultivated area since the War.

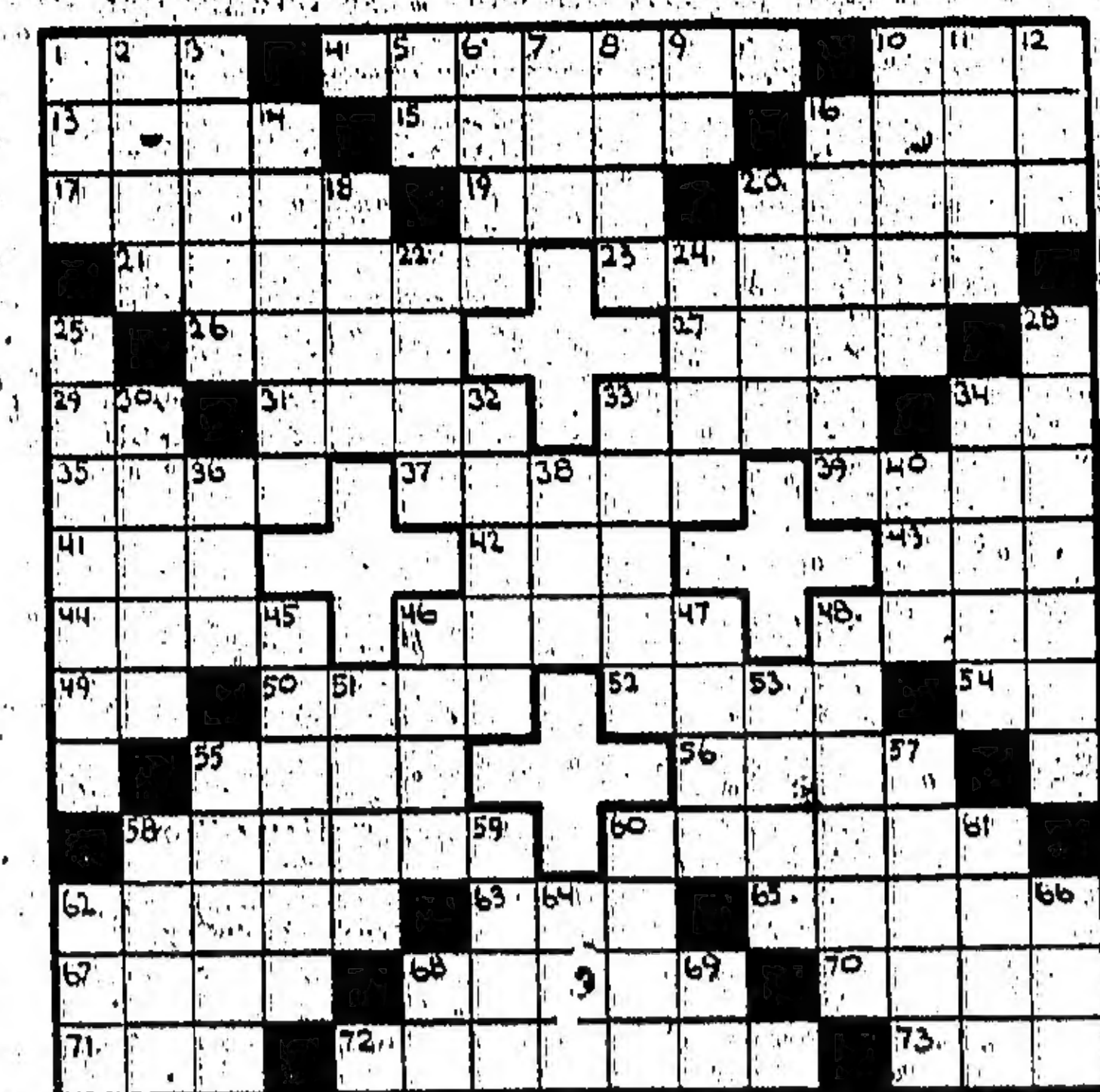
Prices of food must rise, and soon there would be pressure on the population, due to inadequate supplies. How soon that would come, he would not prophesy, but it was inevitable, and one of the biggest problems of the day was to prevent it from developing substantially.

The white races would insist on maintaining the rising standards of living, and would meet the pressure by applying total severity. Apart from this the only remedy against future famine, and that could only be a partial remedy, was intensification of food production in the existing cultivated areas.

"Although we are glad of the complete separation between church and state which obtains in our country, we must not for one moment interpret it as a separation of religion from politics."—Dr. H. C. Robbins.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Invite	55-Prevaricate	18-Auction
4-Spectacle	56-Expresses verbally	20-Tiny hole
10-Malt liquor	58-Upper house in Congress	22-Deceased
13-Tart	60-Steps over a fence (pl.)	24-Part of speech
15-Row of men	62-Heavenly being	25-Vaccination
16-Clock	63-Soft drink	26-To backslide
17-Rends	64-Soft drink	30-Stood opposite
19-A grain	65-One afflicted with a dread disease	32-An animal
20-A way to cook eggs	67-Prod	33-Doomed
21-Fears	68-Fermented grape juice (pl.)	34-Buttful
22-Hilly	70-An elderly man	35-Parasite
23-New England university	71-Night-bird	38-Solemn promise
27-Spheres	72-Ebbs	40-Large container for liquids
28-From	73-Of age (Latin-abbrev.)	45-Distressed
31-Fish		46-Joke
33-Consumable material		47-For fear that
34-Exist		48-Mode
35-Girl		51-Meat of the calf
37-Settee		52-To fasten with nails
39-Bad		55-Lawful
41-Frozen water		57-Bark brown color
42-Obtained		58-A form of precipitation
43-Man's name		59-Long heroic poem
44-Profound		60-Haunted
46-Cam		61-Dry
48-Halt		62-Past time
49-In the year of our Lord (Latin-abbrev.)		64-A unit
50-Affirm		65-Step
52-Depression		66-You and I
54-Province of Canada (abbr.)		68-Point of the compass (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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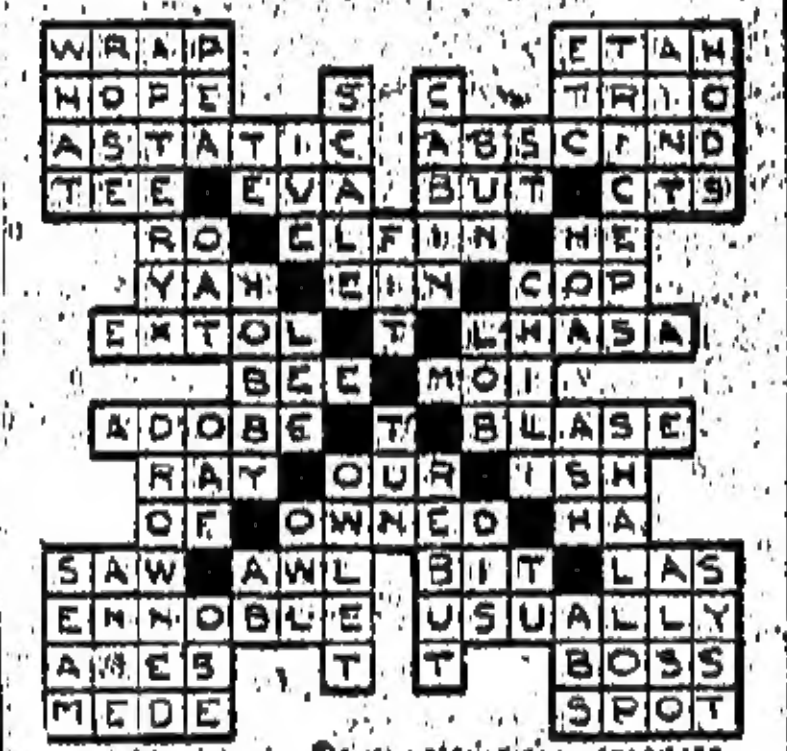
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SEATTLE MARU ... Monday, 25th October.

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ARGUN MARU ... (From Keelung) End of September.

JAPAN PORTS

HAMBURG MARU ... Wednesday, 13th October.

ANDER MARU ... Friday, 15th October.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY. Sunday, 19th October noon.

HOZAN MARU ... Wednesday, 6th October noon.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY. Monday, 25th October.

TAKAO and KEELUNG. Monday, 25th October.

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NITTO MARU ... Monday, 4th October.

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CHINESE "TOW'S" ESCAPE.

Reports of a piracy on a "big vessel", and a haul of "valuable cargo", received in Hong Kong over the week-end and of the despatch of H.M.S. "Faulkner" in search of the pirate vessel are incorrect.

An attempted piracy was made on Saturday in the vicinity of Tai Shek barrier on a Chinese "tow", i.e. a passenger and cargo boat with no motive power, towed by a launch. Hundreds such are engaged on regular runs in other parts of the Canton river delta.

The usual method of piracy in cases such as these is to cut the tow rope, when the helpless ship is at the mercy of the pirates. Such an attempt was made on the vessel in question and pirates had just boarded the vessel when the s.s. "Lungshan", the Steamboat Company's vessel, returning from Canton, came into sight and the robbers hastily decamped without having taken anything from the boat.

Upon enquiry at the naval authorities, the "China Mail" was informed that H.M.S. "Faulkner" (one of the anti-piracy river boats) had been sent to the scene at the time of the attempted piracy. The "Faulkner" was engaged on another convoy.

NEEDY SEAMEN.

LORD INVERCLYDE'S REQUEST.

Rugby, October 2.

Needy seamen of the British Empire and America are to benefit to the extent of two hundred thousand pounds under the will of Lord Inverclyde, former Chairman of the Cunard Line, who died in 1905.

Lady Inverclyde, to whom the whole fortune was bequeathed under the will found at the time of her husband's death, subsequently found a will of later date. She then became entitled merely to the sum of twenty thousand pounds and life rent interest in the balance. This balance of two hundred thousand pounds is now available, owing to her death two years ago, for sailors and their families, who have fallen on bad times.—British Wireless Service.

TIENTSIN QUARANTINE.

The Superintendent of Customs and the Treaty Power Consuls of Tientsin have declared Antung cholera infected.

All vessels arriving therefrom are to abide and be governed by the Sanitary Regulations for the ports of Tientsin and Chingwang-tao.

For the present, precautions will be confined to medical inspection.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND WAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The s.s. "Aratara" of the Eastern & Australian Line arrived this morning from Australia and Manila. She brought 358 tons of hemp and 635 tons of firewood, besides 116 bags of mail. The "Aratara" will sail for Shanghai and Japan to-morrow at noon.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner "Katori Maru" arrived yesterday morning from London via Singapore and brought first class passengers, and 746 tons of general cargo, for Hong Kong. The "Katori Maru" sailed to-day at noon for Japan.

The local office of the Admiral Oriental Line has been advised by their Manila office that the s.s. "President Jackson" will be despatched to-day from that port for Seattle via Hong Kong, and is due here on Wednesday at daylight.

The U.S.S. steamer "West Faralon" arrived yesterday from Manila and brought dangerous goods for discharge here. She had 14,500 cases of gasoline, and 27,200 cases of kerosene. The "West Faralon" went aground on July 25 off Oshima Island and suffered damage. She underwent repairs at Yokohama. The "West Faralon" is en route to San Francisco and will sail as soon as she discharges her cargo.

From Vancouver via Shanghai, the C.P.R. liner "Empress of Asia" is expected to arrive here to-morrow at 10 a.m. with passengers cargo and Siberian mail.

From Singapore and Hoihow, the s.s. "Kiangsu" of the China Navigation Co. Ltd. arrived yesterday afternoon with a cargo of 260 tons of firewood for Hong Kong. The "Kiangsu" records the death of her No. 1 comrade, of bronchopneumonia, on October 1.

The Dutch steamer "Oostkerk" of the N.C.L. arrived from Vladivostok and Poochow without any cargo for Hong Kong. She loaded cargo for Manila and sailed for that port this morning.

Two Japanese steamers arrived this morning. The "Toba Maru" of the N.Y.K. came from Manila with 150 bales of hemp for Hong Kong. She will sail for New York and Boston, via Panama, this afternoon. The "Indus Maru" of the O.S.K. came from Moji with 267 tons of general cargo for discharge here. She is en route to Bombay and Singapore and will sail to-morrow.

Bound for Francisco and Los Angeles via ports, the "Taiyo Maru" will sail to-morrow at noon with passengers, cargo, and mail for United States and Canada.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo per s.s. "Belomond" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after October 11, will be subject to rent.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:-

Aratara (3401) Brt. from Australia and Manila; M. M. & Co. Kiangsu (1655) Brt. from Singapore and Hoihow; B. & S. Hanol (739) French, from Hongkong and Fort Boyard; M. M. & Co. Jade (386) Fr. from Tourane; Shan Cheong.

Toba Maru (4238) Japanese, from Yokohama and Manila; N.Y.K. Indus Maru (2701) Japanese, from Moji; O.S.K. Chung Hing (249) Chinese, from Kwong-chow-wan; Hang On.

Departures.

For San Francisco: West Caldera. For Manila: Oostkerk. For Swatow: Kaijo Maru.

Clearance.

For Macao: Shing Cheong.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:-

British 19
American 1
Panama 1
Norwegian 2
French 2
Japanese 6
Chinese 15
Dutch 4
Portuguese 4

Total 64

Nauen, September 15.—The British steamer "Canadian Transporter" collided with a German steamer, which foundered, in the Parana River in Argentina. The crew of the ship was saved.

In a collision off Dungeness, Kent, between the London steamer "Kut" and the Russian steamer "Budney" the "Kut" had her stern smashed, and the "Budney" was towed into Dover Harbour in a sinking condition and beached.

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Empress of Asia	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 18
Empress of Canada	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 8
Empress of Russia	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 29
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Renwick, Miss D. Ogilvy, Mr. W.
W. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. S. L.
Hadden, Miss E. S. MacRae,
A. R. Guillet, Mr. and Mrs.
Templer, Mr. W. Khoo, Mr. and
Mrs. J. H. Bruins, Miss A. Muttall,
Lt.-Comdr. C. H. Nicholson, Mr.
and Mrs. R. R. Hutcheon and
infant, Mr. Hosken, Mr. C.
Carrington, Rev. and Mrs. N.
Page and infant, Miss B. Page,
Master J. Page, Master H. Page,
Master R. Owen, Miss G. Owen,
Miss M. Owen, Mr. E. M. Matthews,
Miss C. MacLoughlin, Miss A.
MacLoughlin, Mrs. Chang Ng-moi,
Mrs. Yap Yei-moi and infant, Mr.
and Mrs. Harker, Mrs. R. F. M.
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On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. D. W.
Dumage, Miss Elliott and the staff
of Diocesan Girls' School wish to
thank all who sent flowers and in
other ways expressed their
sympathy in the sad loss of their
daughter, Agnes Jean.

Hongkong, Monday, October 4, 1926.

COBHAM'S FEAT.

Mr. Alan Cobham is the lion of
the hour all over the Empire. In
flying from Britain to Australia
and Home again he has achieved
a wonderful task, which deserves
all the eulogies expressed since he
landed in London on Friday after-
noon. It was to popularise avia-
tion, to quicken the sense of the
people of the Empire as to its be-
ing essential for Imperial defence,
and to their commercial unity
that Mr. Cobham's voyage to Aus-
tralia was undertaken. He is
something more than a practition-
er of the art; he is an apostle of
flying, and preaches his gospel
with all the ardour of an evangel-
ist. Whenever he speaks it is to
reiterate his conviction that no-
thing offers the same prospects of
success in keeping the various
parts of the Empire together as
does aviation, and that its devel-
opment is more essential to the
British Empire than to any other
people in the world. Some allow-
ance must be made for the exuber-
ant zeal of the votary of a cult,
but that Mr. Cobham's gospel is
substantially true is not to be de-
nied. That we are on the road to
such a measure of perfection as is
humanly possible, the short his-
tory of aviation abundantly
proves. Serious accidents, such
as that which occurred to the
French aeroplane at Ton-
bridge on Saturday, are of
rare occurrence. Prejudice
against aerial travel is rapidly
dying, and the flight of Mr. Cob-
ham—whose claim that "flying is
not more dangerous than any
other means of transport" cannot
be fully sustained—will accel-
erate its demise. At any rate, its
darkest days are over. Confidence
in its safety increases. Wherever
regular services are established,
they are being increasingly pa-
tronised and increasingly appre-
ciated. There is much, however,
what that great airman—"the

pioneer pilot of Empire"—
has to say on the economic as-
pects of aviation. He entertains
no illusions where these are con-
cerned. He does not pretend that
an Imperial air service will pay—
that is pay directly—from the
start. "We must," he says, "cut
out the idea that aerial communi-
cations have not to be establish-
ed until someone is in a position
to guarantee that they will be
commercially successful. Commer-
cial success is not the issue.
What is absolutely the issue is
that aerial routes between the
Dominions and the Motherland
are essential for the defence of
the Empire, and for all that the
Empire stands for." As national
subsidies are necessary, and will
be necessary for some time, to the
conduct of the Australian aerial
services, and for their multiplica-
tion, so will Imperial subsidies be
necessary for across-the-world
services, for which Mr. Cobham's
adventure, following those of ear-
lier pioneers, the brothers Smith,
Parer, and Mackintosh, must do
much to pave the way.

Speaking in Sydney before his
departure for Melbourne, Mr.
Cobham said how greatly im-
pressed and how delighted he had
been to note since his arrival in
Australia the ready acceptance
by the people of that country of
the real significance of aviation.
To a country of such magnificent
distances as Australia this new-
est means of travel and transport
is capable of being turned to
greater practical account than
perhaps in any other country. No-
where is there greater need for
the kind of service it renders, and
nowhere, as all who can speak
authoritatively from actual ex-
perience have testified, are the
flying conditions so favourable.
In this verdict Mr. Cobham em-
phatically concurs. "Since I
landed at Darwin," he said, "I
have been amazed at the visibil-
ity, and I can safely say that I
have been in no part of the world
where the conditions for flying
are so admirable." The need
which exists in Australia for
those services which aviation is
alone so capable of supplying, and
the inviting atmospheric condi-
tions which count for so much in
aerial flight, cannot but ensure for
Australia a leading place in the
flying world, given, of course, that
the Governments and people of
the Commonwealth are alive to
its importance as a factor of de-
fence and of national progress.
They have certainly received a
decided fillip from Mr. Cobham.

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Imperial five-claws Dragon, skill-
fully drawn.

The small dragon in the lower
part and the clouds are in delicate
tints of famille rose.

The Jue, head pattern at the
mouth is in blue, green and red.
At the mouth of the rim is a
little bit chipped off (about two
inches in length). Underneath is
a beautiful seal mark "Kin Lung
Nin Noa" in red.

It is a first-class specimen of
the palace porcelain made for the
Emperor Kin Lung, about 1786
A.D., of the Tsing (Manchu)
dynasty.

The vase is 21 inches high. The
blackwood stand is also very pretty.

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The first history, after leaving
Peking is "sordid." It was part
of the loot which can never be valued,
which was stolen from the Imperial
Palaces during the Boxer trouble
of 1900.

An officer in the Salt Revenue
administration was the first owner.
Then it is believed to have passed
into the hands of Mr. Fung Wah-
chuen (then comprador to Messrs.
Shevan, Tones & Co.).

I also find that a manager of this
hong of Keeschong, who is unlikely
to be anybody but Mr. R. G.
Shevan, made a gift of a Sung
Chun bulb bowl to the British
Museum.

One of the Chan family, (com-
pradores to Messrs. Douglas
Lapraik & Co. of Hong Kong) also
owned the vase once. He refused
several tempting offers for it.

Work for Wembley.

Mr. Lam Wai-man is the manager
of the new firm of Wai Kee, the
present owner. He explained to
the "China Mail" that the rarity
of this vase came in the fact that
it was really porcelain but made
into cloisonne.

He will be pleased to show the
vase to visitors to his new shop.
Mr. Lam has had great experi-
ence in the trade. For his work
in getting together gold and silver
craftsmen for the Hong Kong sec-
tion of the British Empire Exhibi-
tion at Wembley, he has been thank-
ed by the Government and rumour
says that he is to get a special
award.

A talk with Mr. Lam is an edu-
cation in itself. His stocks of spe-
cial green jade, antiques, Chinese
curios, etc., are well worth inspec-
tion. Messrs. Wai Kee also deal in
unredeemed pledges of jewellery,
pearls, diamonds, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FEARED INFLEX OF
"REDS."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")

Sir,—Upon receipt of informa-
tion that the Canton Government
has decided to settle the strike on
the 10th inst., the whole mind of
the community in this Colony
seems to be set at ease. After
enduring a series of hardship
accrued from the boycott in the
past 14 months, it should be per-
mitted that any prematurely re-
leased feeling would have prevail-
led among all the classes possibly
with the exception of few accu-
rate observers.

However, it must not be for-
gotten that our undesirable neigh-
bour, the Canton Government, has
hitherto blocked up the common
way of communication politically
and commercially by dint of the
devilish boycott which the
authorities of Nationalist Govern-
ment have appraised at such a
high value that they would not
even condescend to come to terms
without being satisfied with the
price so dictated. Why do they
want to sacrifice it now? Whe-
ther they will insist on the pro-
posed levy of goods imported, or
are contemplating to raise funds
by some other hooked or crooked
means for compensation of the
strikers and pickets, we shall wait
and see. But it is certainly in-
advisable to suggest that their
intention to end the strike is the
evidence of their realisation of the
necessity to bridge the political
gap between Hongkong and Canton
with the spirit of sincerity.

On the contrary, the Canton
Administrators would even
strengthen the feeling of hatred
simply because of their failure to
reap the harvest of the boycott
for which they had so laboriously
sown the bitter seeds in the past
four years. Under such circum-
stance, there could only be a
patched-up peace if any. And a
patched-up peace, in its strict
sense, is to be construed as the
temporary stop of an unfriendly
action.

If my point of view is not con-
sidered to be too pessimistic, a
precautionary step, to watch any
sudden development of the situa-
tion which is, underneath, much
interwoven with political in-
trigues, is of vital importance.
Let us be once more united to do
something co-operative with our
Government in the work of main-
taining the peace and order of this
Colony, for, upon the resumption
of commercial intercourse, there
will be a tremendous amount of
"Red" element pouring out from
Canton into this Island to conduct
their mischievous service.

Yours, etc.,

G. K. CHANG.

Hong Kong, Oct. 3.

FACILITIES FOR SPECTATORS AT SOCCER.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")

Sir,—Allow me the necessary
space in your valuable columns to
direct the attention of the authori-
ties of the two principal football
fields in the Colony to a sugges-
tion involving the greater comfort
of spectators besides swelling
their own gate receipts.

I notice that the stands of the
Hong Kong Football Club ground
are now completed for the soccer
season, and it has struck me that
the accommodation which existed
last season, and apparently will
continue to exist this season,
might be extended and improved
upon by also erecting open stands
on one or both of the goal post
sides of the ground and, if possi-
ble, by lengthening the present
covered stand.

It is a well-known fact that
when an extremely interesting
match is on, particularly when
the principal South China team is
down to play, many spectators
who arrive at the ground some-
what late have to be "shut out"
on account of the seating accom-
modation being fully occupied.
I notice that on the ground
immediately in front of the regu-
lar open stand. I can think of
no other reason for the Hong
Kong Football Club not having
the additional stands erected ex-
cepting that, being actuated by a
philanthropic motive, it wishes to
give the lower and poorer Chinese
spectators a "free show." If
this is the case, I think that the
Club could meet this class of spec-
tators half way by having the
above-mentioned extra stand or
stands erected and charging a re-
duced price of, say, 10 cents to 20
cents, as it sees fit.

As everyone knows, most of the
spectators who grace the sides of
the ground in question with their
presence have to defray a charge
of 10 cents per head for standing
room on a bench in considerable
discomfort and at the risk of over-
balancing in attempting to stop
or avoid a hard overshoot in their
direction. I feel that this exten-
sion and improvement would add
materially to the comfort and con-
venience of spectators on the

ROSARY CHURCH.

KOWLOON PROCESSION
YESTERDAY.

LOCAL OBSERVANCES.

Yesterday being the celebration
of the Solemnity of the Most Holy
Rosary, the Rosary Church, Kow-
loon, was attended by large con-
gregations at all the services.

Masses were said at 6.30, 7.30
and 8.30 whilst Solemn Pontifical
Mass was sung at 9.30 a.m.

Benediction at 4.30 p.m. was fol-
lowed by a procession through the
streets in the vicinity of the
Church, the latter being decorated
with the Papal and various na-
tional flags.

The procession was a long and
imposing one, the many elaborate
banners blowing merrily in the
breeze, whilst the sun illuminated
the numerous processional cruci-
fixes and the cloth-of-gold vestments
of the officiating clergy.

M. C. L.

CONCERT AT GAOL OFFICERS'
MESS.

In aid of the Ministering Chil-
dren's League a selected pro-
gramme was given on Saturday
night by the Prison Branch at the
Officers' Mess at Victoria Gaol.
A fine programme had been ar-
ranged to entertain music lovers,
and those who were not lovers of
the "strains of jazz." The func-
tion was largely attended, and
certainly those present had no-
thing but words of praise, for
those who made the arrange-
ments. Credit is due to Mrs.
J. W. Franks, who is the head of
the Prison Branch of the M.C.L.
and who did not spare any effort
to make the entertainment very
enjoyable.

The programme, which showed
a slight variation due to the ab-
sence of Mrs. F. G. Jenner, was
as follows:—

Part I.

1. Waltz
2. One step
3. Song—"Garden of Happiness"
by Mrs. G. L. Buchanan.
4. Fox trot
5. Humourist—"No, I don't want to
do that" by Mr. Vic. Blundell.
6. Fox trot
7. Song—"Glorious Devon" by Dr.
J. R. Craig.
8. One step
9. At the piano Mr. R. Spary.
10. Waltz

Part II.

11. Fox trot
12. Song—"I did not know" by Mrs.
H. L. Lockhart.
13. Fox trot
14. Character comedian
Mr. J. Grenham.
15. One step
17. Fox trot
18. Gaol Quintette—"I want to go
where you go" by Messrs.
Gillespie, Webber, Culver, Ellis,
and Johnstone.
19. Fox trot
20. Waltz
- Mrs. S. W. Cressey and Mr. R.
Spary were accompanists.
- The orchestra comprised: J.
Fawkes (piano), N. Carter (violin),
R. Hanlon (cornet), W. Maxwell
(saxophone), T. Ellis (banjo), and
W. J. Ellis (drums).

AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN INDIA.

Simla, September 15.—The fol-
lowing is the agricultural situation
and the Monsoon progress to the
end of August, as appraised by the
Government of India:—The Mon-
soon generally is sufficient, except
in the dry zone of Upper Burma,
and two districts of Lower Burma,
a few districts of the United Pro-
vinces, and in parts of the North-
West Frontier Province, Baluchis-
tan and the Punjab States.

The condition of the standing
crops generally is fair. Food sup-
plies are adequate. Fodder and
water is sufficient, except in parts
of the Madras Presidency.

The condition of the cattle is
good, except in several parts of
Bengal where cattle disease pre-
vails.

In Assam, the prospects of the
rice crop, tea and sugar cane are
good on the whole.

The agricultural outlook is satis-
factory.

whole, as it would eliminate the
necessity of the regular covered
and open stand spectators reach-
ing the ground very often half an
hour or more in advance of the
scheduled time of commencement,
in order to ensure securing a
place. I am sure that any other
place more enterprising than
Hong Kong would have had this
feature introduced long before
now.

Of course, this suggestion ap-
plies to the No. 1 Soekumpoo
ground as well, in view of the
fact that many of the matches in
which the principal South China
team participate are played on
this field.

Thanking you for inserting this
in your paper, Yours, etc.,

SPECTATOR.

Hong Kong, Oct. 3.

WAR DEBTS.

NOVEL SUGGESTION FROM FRANCE.

REFERENCE TO THE LEAGUE.

Paris, Oct. 3. "A singularly fruitful if difficult task" for the League of Nations would be the settlement of inter-allied debts suggested M. Daric, President of the Sub-Committee which is considering bills providing for the ratification of the London and Washington agreements.

In the course of a speech at Alencon M. Daric declared that practically the French Parliament had only a choice between rejecting the Washington agreement and ratifying it under reservation, for example, by a request for a guarantee clause.

It was noticeable that M. Daric did not refer specifically to the French debt to Great Britain—*Reuter*.

COBBHAM'S FEAT.

EULOGY OF BRITISH PRESS.

Rugby, October 3. Newspapers this morning devote their chief leading articles to Alan Cobham's homecoming. Apart from the fact that the aviator's achievement is a triumph of man and machine, it is emphasised that his successful flight to Australia, following his previous voyages to India and South Africa, have even wider importance—an imperial importance.

The "Daily Telegraph" remarks: "In our time the question of imperial communications has become one of paramount importance. The future of our Empire may indeed be said to depend largely on the extent to which its constitutional parts can be brought nearer to one another in time. Cobham has been able to show by actual achievement that a good deal is already possible in this direction."

The "Morning Post" says: "Cobham holds that the use of the aeroplane may be so effective in the opening up of new countries that the initial cost of establishing new routes in such territories should be regarded as an investment which would be well repaid. In respect of Australia, Cobham who flew from north to south of that continent, considers that aerial transport would bring immense developments. It is in view of these practical conclusions, together with the salient and indisputable fact that Cobham has flown to Australia and back, that the intrepid pilot may justly be described as the pioneer of imperial communications."

The "Daily News" remarks that the mere act of flying over so many countries and seas stirs the mind as the voyages of Magellan or of Drake must have done in other days.

The "Times" says: "In the great crowds that craned their faces skywards as the De Havilland 50 flew up the Thames, there must have been many who, thinking of the vast spaces that it had traversed, were led to revise their individual views of the safety and utility of travel by air."

Cobham has also, it is recognised, impressed the public mind with the possibilities of aviation. His facile landing on the Thames yesterday at the end of his journey to the ends of the earth undoubtedly struck popular imagination.—*British Wireless Service*.

IN INTERIOR.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES' PLIGHT.

Peking, Oct. 2. What amounts to an S.O.S. message on behalf of missionaries who for months past have been pent up in Sianfu, the beleaguered capital of Shensi, has reached the American Legation here from a foreigner named England who, telegraphing from Liu Chen-hua's headquarters at Shilipu, stated that the situation is critical and the Americans in Sianfu are ready to evacuate.

A later message from the same source described the position as desperate. It stated that foreigners who were being detained within the Legation informed England that two British missionaries—Wheeler and Wyatt—left Peking on September 18 for Sianfu via Taiyuan with the object of rendering assistance to the British and other missionaries. They expected to reach their destination shortly. Meanwhile the Legation telegraphed to the rival Commanders requesting them to afford American missionaries every facility to withdraw from the city.

All the Americans in Wuchang are safe and well according to a message to the Legation from Bishop Gilman of Hankow. He added that up to September 29 none had suffered privation. American property is but slightly damaged.—*Reuter*.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

"TOAST NIGHT" FIXED FOR SPEAKERS.

WINTER SEASON ACTIVITIES.

Following are the foreshadowed activities of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

The opening event of the Literary and Debating Club season will be held on Thursday, October 28 when a Toast Night will give the Members the opportunity of expressing themselves. The Dinner will commence at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that Members not living in the building will attend and will be welcomed by the Residents.

Sports Activities.
A general meeting took place on September 30. Many useful suggestions were made for the consideration of the Committee. It was decided to arrange matches for golf, water polo, bowls and other branches of sport.

Committee. Chairman, Mr. T. G. West, Messrs. E. Ralston, R. Murray, R. Miller, and S. H. Garrod.
It was reported that good progress had been made with the preparation of the tennis courts. 5 to 7 each evening on Mondays and Fridays is the hour reserved for outdoor games and training.

Literary Committee.
The following Committee has been appointed: Chairman, Mr. Justice Wood, Messrs. A. A. Dand, H. G. Swinburne, S. G. Gregory, A. S. D. Cousland and P. Sands.

Other Activities.
There was an increased attendance at the "Quiet Hour" on Sunday last. The speaker was the Secretary.

An outing is being arranged for the holiday on Monday, October 11. Those wishing to attend are asked to notify the Secretary.

FILM STARS.

[By Iris Barry.]

There is an occupation, a fascinating and useful one, known in the film world's parlance as "stealing pictures."

The clever thieves are those actors who, cast in subsidiary roles, rival the stars themselves by their vivid and sincere portrayals of small parts and lend distinction to a film by their earnest and intelligent acting. Perhaps the best-known picture-stealers are Adolphe Menjou, who ran away with "The Marriage Circle," Ernest Torrence, who stole "The Covered Wagon," Karl Dane, the cheery simpson in "The Big Parade," Roy D'Arcy, who almost eclipsed the hero in "The Merry Widow," and Zasu Pitts, the sincerest actress in American films, who has the power of attracting an audience's eyes to her quaint, tense figure no matter who else may be on the screen.

But there are just as brilliant folk in our English studios, who are only less praised because—with our inconvenient national modesty—we under-estimate our own goods. A few weeks past that magnificent character-actor, Moore Marriott, fished all the honours of a new English picture "London Love," and deservedly so. Forrester Harvey, a most versatile player, has redeemed otherwise hopeless native pictures by his rich comedy work.

Gladys Hamer—almost a Zasu Pitts—catches the eye irresistibly and lingers vividly in memory after the screen presence and calm of a young "villain" needs, while Fred Rains, shortly to be seen disguised by masterly make-up as a Chinese in the next Dorothy Gish film, has been invaluable to many a director. Sidney Fairbrother, for her Dickensian caricatures Jameson Thomas, and Humbertson Wright for many a finished performance, have all contributed their talents nobly.

One may be a great star without intelligence; a great actor never. Every convincing screen performance is, born of deep mental concentration and imagination. And when small-part actors stand out on the screen more sharply, more humanly than do the advertised stars it is because they, the real workers, are giving to the making of films more of the intense devotion and thought which so inspiring and far-reaching an art deserves.

MISSION NOTES.

The local mission hospital reports a drop in the number of clinic patients, the attendance being one half the average number.

The mission schools this fall have opened with very satisfactory results. Virginia School for girls reporting the high school boarding department filled to its limits and the Soochow University Third Middle School for boys has the usual number of new students.—*N. C. Daily News*.

EVERY DAY IN...

"GLOBE TROTTERS" TAKE COU'S PLACE.

SATURDAY SURPRISE.

Cou is no longer, but it may be said of the "Globe Trotters" that "every day in every way they grow better and better." A tonic for that trade depression feeling; an antidote for the typhoon blues; an entertainment that entertains.

The first part of the programme is carried out on similar lines to the familiar Co-Optimist entertainment in London. The artistes wear becoming pierrot costumes, opening their show with the Co-Optimist success "Good Evening, Everybody."

A variety of numbers followed in quick succession, including a screamingly funny sketch, "The Midnight Train to Alabama," in which Dick Norton, who reminded us very much of Ernie Lotinga, scored a great personal triumph. The piece de resistance of the opening night on Saturday at the "Star," was a quite unexpected and rather unusual (in this kind of entertainment) appearance of a Russian balalaika player—Mr. Dimitri Dimof.

Appearing in the first half in full Russian national costume and later in conventional evening dress, this young man—if one may use the adjective—gave a really remarkable performance.

Opening with Liszt's "Melody in R Major," he treated us to quite a long selection from his repertoire, including Schubert's "Moment Musical," Gullier's "Pleciato" and a number of Russian folk songs. A musical treat by an artiste who every music-lover in Hong Kong must hear.

UNCLAIMED LAND.

ABANDONED COFFEE ESTATE.

Kandy, September 14.—A valuable block of land with an interesting story behind it, and which is now present unclaimed, lies in the Uda Dumbura Division of the Kandy district. This land has a connection with the coffee days, and has at present no claimant.

The Ceylon Government is, therefore, taking steps to take possession if no claim is made before September 3 next year, as required by the Ordinance.

The announcement that the land in question, which is 188 acres in extent, is to be taken by the Crown has aroused widespread interest, and many inquiries relating to it have been received by the Government Agent of the Central Province. This land is situated in a rich portion of the Dumbura valley and is not far away from the proposed site for the University.

History of the Land.

Interviewed on the subject, the Hon. Mr. R. A. G. Festing, Government Agent of the Central Province, said that the land had an interesting history. It was sold in March 1854 to a Mr. William Forbes Robertson for 2376 and a title plan was issued. It was apparently opened out in coffee, but was suddenly abandoned and was at present in jungle. Several attempts had been made in the past to find out the whereabouts of the owner or the relations of the owner, but without success.

THE NORGE SOLD.

POLAR AIRSHIP RETURNS TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

Signor Mussolini has signed a convention with the Norwegian Aero Club with the object of defining the economic relations existing between the Italian Government and the above-mentioned aero club as regards the transpolar flight. As is known, the flight was organised by Italy, which also contributed more than 8,000,000 lire to the expenses of the flight. By the convention just signed the parts of the airship "Norge," which is now at Seattle, will, after it has been dismantled, be sent to Italy and again become the property of the Italian Government, and it is probable that it will be reconstructed.

M. Thommesen, president of the Norwegian Aero Club, has sent a letter to Signor Mussolini thanking the Italian Government and the man who by its order took part in the enterprise. The letter adds that but for the skill and experience of these men and the generous support given in various ways by them the carrying out of the expedition would not have been possible.

"Opera is not the highest form of art. It is just a billboard with a lot of colours."—*Arncliffe Gall-Curci*.

A PASSING SHIP.

FIFTEEN YEARS—AND AFTER.

We were bound from Oregon to Antwerp with barley. No—it was wheat. I remember, because we ran short of stores on the passage and lived upon gruel and coarse bread made out of cargo.

We sailed down the North Pacific, crossed the line, stopped at Pitcairn Island for fruit, and rounded the Horn, without once seeing another sail. That was unusual. Often we'd see a ship every ten days or so. Sometimes we'd sight two or three every day for a week at a time.

In the South Atlantic we remained solitary, and the sense of loneliness crept in. We began to hunger in earnest for companionship. We came into the forties, still alone. We reached the thirties, and it was as though the end of the world had come since we left Oregon—as though God had left only ourselves and the sea.

We grew oppressed, exasperated, by magnitude of universe and littleness of man.

In the apprentices' quarters we had swapped our girls' pictures till each girl had made the rounds, had hung above every pillow, several times.

We entered the tropics again, and morning by morning the mate sent a hand to the masthead to scan the horizon. The skipper walked his poop with a telescope beneath his arm. The sea was deserted.

"The tropics" blazed, the trade winds were very light. Passing whales but added to our exasperation. They could speed whither they willed. Antwerp, our port, might as well have been in the moon.

We crossed the line, and, creeping into the North Atlantic, saw, far in the eastward, black on the blue sea of mid afternoon, the pinnacle summits of St. Paul's rocks. A sailor went aloft, listlessly, ignored by all.

"Sail ho!"
Men, boys, and mates, master and carpenter, steward and sailmaker and cook, ran to the railing. There was nothing to be seen from deck but the blue sea, the blue sky, the far-away clear, lifeless pinnacles.

The man aloft pointed, and the skipper spoke to the mate. Our course was altered to bring us toward our invisible sister. As the sun dipped to a cloudless horizon, while from a fiery red faded to pink and pink to warm saffron, while blue water became indigo, we saw and impatiently approached the distant white dot of her canvas. At the expectant moment, the appearance of the first of night's stars, we watched her flags flutter to her masthead, replying to our own.

Light faded, as the passing of a cloud in April. Above us a star winked. The name of the ship, and nothing more, was ours. Whether she were from Africa or from the Indies, from China or Taitai, we could not know; nor whether she was bound. Through the night we watched for a glimpse of her light, but saw none. At dawn she was gone. Men of our crew who had known her discussed her—the "Loch Linnie" of Glasgow.

Port was become again a possibility. We were not alone.

Fifteen years passed.
I leaned on my gate, athirst for cool wind, parched with mid-August heat, at the close of a day when I had been too dispirited to work. There was no sound but the occasional call of a child or the wail of a heat-distressed baby. From the bare land over the road came the scent of desert weeds. Beside the bare land orange orchards, the trees, limp from drought, bided the coming of night to revive their blue-green foliage. The well-to-do were long ago gone to the coast or the mountains. None but working folk remained in the valley village.

The sun sank, as, turning to enter my shanty, I saw a man come down the street. I sat on my doorstep and watched as he went from house to house, pausing at each but a moment.

When he approached my gate, I rose to meet him. Over his shoulder he carried a carpet-sweeper. I was too poor to afford carpets, and told him so. He sat at my side on my doorstep and searched me with a long look.

"What ship did you serve your time with?" he asked.
I told him, and asked, "Where did you?"

"The 'Loch Linnie,'" he answered.
I said, "I met the 'Loch Linnie' once," and looked to the sky, where, faint above us, the first of night's stars winked dim.

We were silent a moment. Then the man with the carpet-sweeper spoke.
"Off St. Paul's rocks."

Whence we were come, whether we would go, neither spoke of. We talked of the sea.

Port was become again a possibility. We were not alone.
BILL ADAMS.

CITY CHURCHES.

BISHOP IN FAVOUR OF MODIFIED SCHEME.

SIX NOT NEEDED.

Much misunderstanding and unnecessary alarm have been created by the City Churches measures carried by the House of Lords, says the Bishop of Southwark, Dr. Cyril Garbett, in a letter which he is issuing to the people in his diocese.

For many years, he points out, the Ecclesiastical arrangements in the City have been subject to severe and well-deserved criticism. There are thirty churches, with forty-six choirs, forty-six organists, and over sixty clergy, to a resident population of thirteen thousand.

Many of the endowments are far beyond the average, and large sums are spent in the upkeep of the churches. Many of the City clergy do admirable work for the Church in various departments, but it is no exaggeration to say that the majority of these churches are empty on Sundays, and on week-days, even in Lent, draw very few worshippers.

Dr. Garbett declares that he would not touch any church which has historical associations or architectural interest, or was of any practical use.

"But there are five or six churches," he adds, "which have no historical interest, no beauty or dignity, and are empty from one end of the week to the other. These are the churches which we want to see removed, their sites sold, and the large sums of money obtained in this way used for the building of churches in the new districts into which people are moving by tens of thousands."

REFUSED PILOTS.

ICHANG GENERAL'S THREAT BRITISH SHIPS.

Peking, September 23.—A correspondent from Ichang in Hupsh Province, writing on the 9th, gives the interesting information that four British gunboats which arrived there on the way to Wanchien had been unable to proceed on their way, due to the fact that no Chinese pilots could be secured. It appeared that General Lu Chin-shan, the local commander, is forbidding pilots to serve on British boats. The drastic character of his enforcement of this order is indicated by the report that not only were those to be benighted who should disobey the instructions but the whole family was to be wiped out. At the same time the Pilot Association of Ichang and Wanchien have voted against any service on British shipping.

"What is it that brings about old age? Is it the passage of days and years? Not necessarily. For we find old men at 50 and young men at 60. A man begins to grow old when he begins to look backward instead of forward, when he begins to review instead of to plan, when he begins to recount what he has achieved instead of seeking still to achieve, when he sees his greatest task already done, his best thoughts already thought, his deepest feelings already felt, his aspirations already realised. He is still a young man if he retains the essence of youth—the power of looking forward."—*Rabbi Morris Lichtenstein*.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE MAIL.

Entertainments.

October 4—Queen's Theatre: Douglas Fairbanks in "The Black Pirate."

October 4—World Theatre: "To The Last Man."

October 4—Star Theatre: "Lightnin'."

October 4—The Globe Trotters' second programme to-night at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15.

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League.

Sports.
October 8—Annual aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club.

October 9—Fourth race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley.

Auction.
October 6—Household furniture at Lamme Bros' Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Meeting.
November 5—Meeting of the Licensing Board in the Council Chamber, noon.

October 15—Annual meeting of H.K. Cricket Club, in the Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
October 4—Hong Kong Technical Institute re-opens to-day.

October 5—Reception at the Club Lusitana, being 18th Anniversary of the Portuguese Republic (11 a.m. to noon).

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board contains no items of public interest.

The Soviet Government has decided to spend \$3,000,000 on taking a census in Russia between October and January.

The Pioneer Silk Store announces that they have received a new assortment of underwear, socks, stockings, dress lengths and woollen and cotton kimono. An inspection is solicited.

To-morrow, being the 16th Anniversary of the Portuguese Republic, the Consul General for Portugal will hold a Reception at the Club Lusitano from 11 a.m. to Noon, to which all friends are cordially invited.

The body of a Chinese male was noticed by a passer-by on Saturday afternoon in the alley way between Wm. Powell Ltd. and Lane, Crawford, Ltd. The police were notified and the body was removed to the mortuary, death being attributed to natural causes.

Adelaide.—The Governor of Tasmania Sir James O'Grady, has just completed a tour of the Murray River settlements, where he was impressed by their development and potentialities. At a reception given him by the Commonwealth Club, Sir James O'Grady said Australia was the El Dorado of human happiness and comfort, which explained the people's broad ideas and vision. If Australia put her shoulder to the wheel to find dried fruit markets the Murray country 30 years hence would be the most prosperous spot in the Commonwealth.

Christchurch.—The dairymen of Waikato, one of the present butter-producing districts in New Zealand, have passed the following resolution: We strongly resent the attitude of America in excluding our products by a prohibitive tariff which prevents us from paying for our purchases from the United States in goods. We therefore urge New Zealanders to purchase as little as possible from America until it is possible to pay for such purchases with our primary products. Further, we urge that every effort be made to buy from Britain, which takes all our products without any restriction.

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The battleship "Ajax," which fought at Jutland, will leave Sheerness for Portsmouth, to be prepared for sale. She is being scrapped under the Washington Treaty on the completion of the new battleships "Rodney" and "Nelson." She was launched in March, 1912, and will be replaced as Senior Officers' ship at Sheerness by the cruiser "Canterbury."

An English Pullman service, affording the traveller facilities for taking his meals without moving from his comfortable armchair, will henceforth be found on the Sud express train between Paris and the Spanish frontier. A train composed of specially built Pullman cars made its first trip recently, and the journey to Biarritz was accomplished in the record time of 10hr. 50min.

The Imperial Cash on Delivery Association, through its president, the Earl of Denbigh, appeals to the Government to make further concessions to popularise C.O.D. According to Mr. W. J. Hopton, the chairman of the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, C.O.D. has failed, primarily because it is too costly, and cannot continue long, because the Post Office cannot run it profitably on any lower fees.

Montreal.—The proposed new issue of postage stamps commemorating a number of outstanding figures in Canadian public life of past days, which was proposed by Mrs. Charles Murphy, ex-M.P., has been held up. The new Postmaster-General, Mr. Manion, will consider it later. The stamps were to have been issued on the occasion of the Ottawa Centenary, but it was announced at the Department that the whole matter is to be further considered.

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An interesting new way of taking the sick to hospital is by aeroplane. This method has been adopted in British Guiana, according to the annual Colonial Report just issued. During 1925 the Real Daylight Balata Estates, Limited, imported from England a Fairley seaplane for the rapid conveyance to Georgetown for medical aid of sick employees at the company's Apoteri station, 272 miles away in the interior. The plane is fitted with a Rolls Royce engine, and has been specially constructed for the tropics and to carry one stretcher case and an attendant.

Johannesburg.—The possibility of a new gold field in the Transvaal is indicated, Dr. Percy Wagner, the senior Government geologist, reporting on the discovery at a farm in the Rustenburg district, states that it takes the form of a sill of gold-bearing rock, the richest ore found assaying upwards of six ounces per ton over a thickness of 4ft. 6in. Picked specimens contained 20 ounces and the gold contents vary within wide limits. Similar rock is reported at two other farms, and if these reports are authentic a potential gold-bearing area of considerable extent is indicated.

"Noisy, sensual, and incredibly stupid," was how jazz music was described by Sir Hamilton Harty, conductor of the Hallé Orchestra, when presiding at the annual congress of the National Union of Organists at Manchester. The present, said Sir Hamilton, is an age of that accursed American Negro form of music called jazz. He had listened to it with a sincere wish to find out if it had any musical attraction whatever. It possessed only two qualities which had anything to do with the art of music—rhythm and a certain cynical grotesqueness. Many of the delegates expressed their agreement.

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Two wards each containing 16 beds, in King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., closed for lack of funds for 18 months, are to be reopened at once.

Mr. Peter Drummond Hay, younger son of Col. Drummond Hay, of Aberargie and Seggieden, Perthshire, is working as a ticket collector on the railway at Stratford.

Lieut.-Commander Frederick Madway, who has risen from the ranks to his present position, and who was naval instructor of the Prince of Wales and Prince George, is retiring from the Navy.

At the July passing out examination of cadets of the senior division at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, Senior Under-Officer L. H. Bean, won the King's Medal and Anson Memorial Sword for the highest aggregate.

Bulawayo.—Lord Wilton and Major W. Hibbert, accompanied by a couple of native boys, have completed a motor trip from Nairobi, Kenya Colony, to Victoria Falls, Southern Rhodesia, a distance of 2,000 miles, in 16 days. Lord Wilton said they had had no trouble, not even a puncture. It was now possible to go by road from Capetown to Mongalla, in the Sudan. The delegates to the conference of East African Governors, to be opened at Victoria Falls, are to go there by motor-car from Kenya.

Paris.—One of the finest war memorials in France, erected to the memory of South Africans who fell in the war, will be inaugurated this month at Longueval (Somme). It has been built by subscriptions from South Africa and is the work of Sir Herbert Baker, who constructed the Rhodes Memorial on Table Mountain. The monument consists of a triumphal arch surmounted by a bronze group executed by Mr. Alfred Turner. It will be surrounded by oak trees grown from acorns sent from South Africa.

The King of the Belgians has conferred upon Sir Leslie Scott, K.C., M.P., the Grand Cross of the Order of Leopold II in recognition of services rendered to Belgium in connection with the movement for the unification of maritime law.

Among passengers departing by the s.s. "Kashgar" on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Compton, Mr. W. W. Anderson, Mr. W. H. Edmonds, Mr. J. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Millington, Lt.-Comdr. C. H. Nicholson, Capt. R. S. Macfarlane, R.N., and Mr. A. A. da Roza.

Once, so the story ran in Dublin, Swift MacNeill had fallen ill, and he was advised to enter a nursing home. He repaired to the Four Courts in Dublin and began shaking hands with all and sundry. At that time one of the most bitter opponents of Home Rule was Mr. William Moore, but Swift MacNeill made up to him and held out his hand. "Shake hands with me, Moore," he said. "I am going round forgiving all my enemies." Moore looked at him in some surprise, and then Swift MacNeill added, after Moore had shaken hands, "I feel better now. I shook hands with Tim Healy an hour ago!"

Liverpool, August 29.—Mr. Matheson Lang is a staunch adherent to the policy of theatrical artists touring abroad while they are still in the hey-day of their prime. Next Friday he sails with his company from Liverpool for Montreal for a six-months' tour of Canada, where he will introduce several of the dramas which have been a big success here. Incidentally, his visit will be somewhat in the nature of a "homecoming" for him, for he was born in Montreal; but, although he has travelled practically all over the world he has never returned to the land of his birth since his father, a Scottish Presbyterian minister, took him back to Scotland when three years old. Matheson Lang was the youngest of seven children, all of whom were born in the Dominion.

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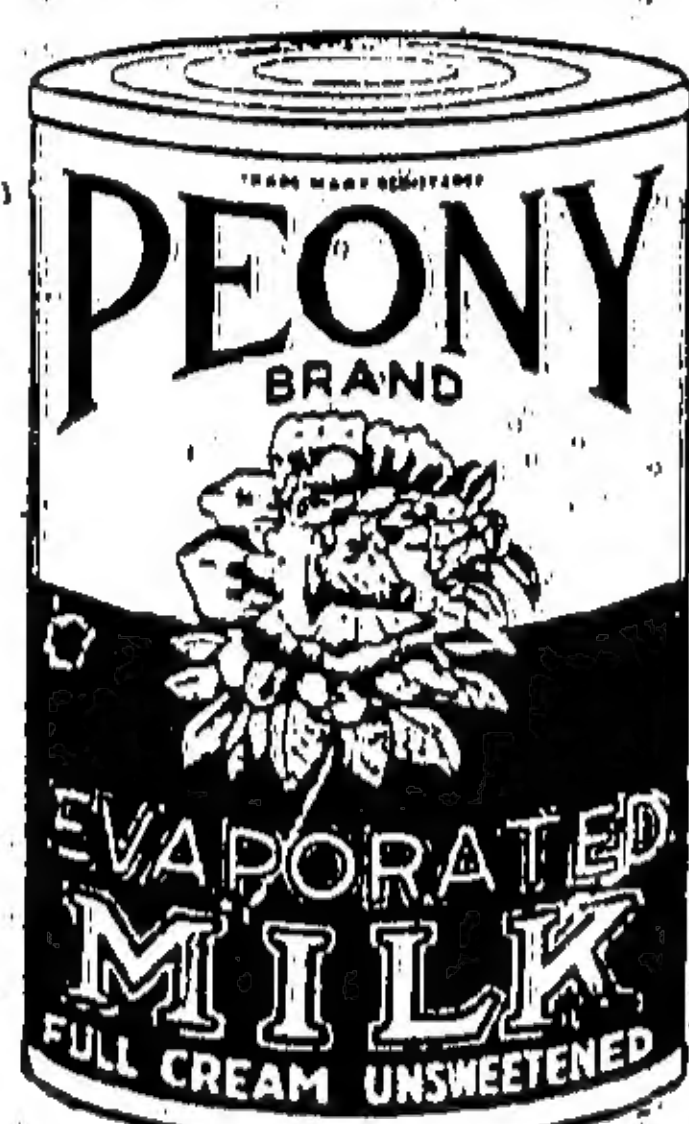
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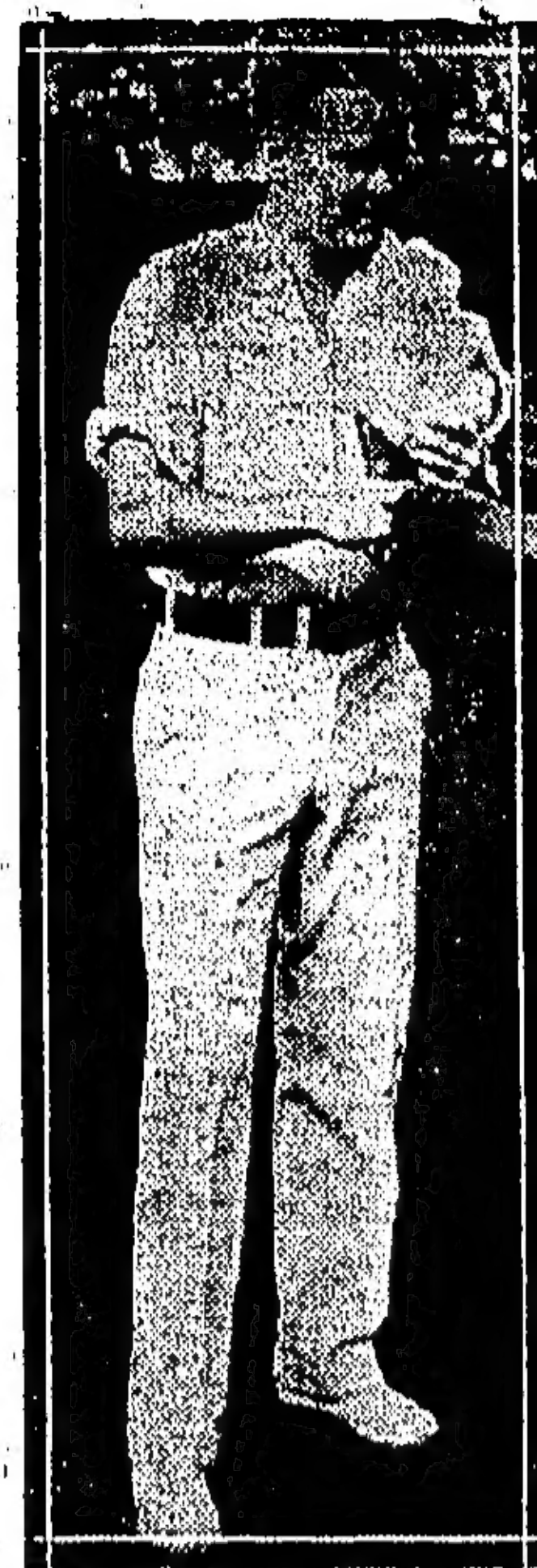
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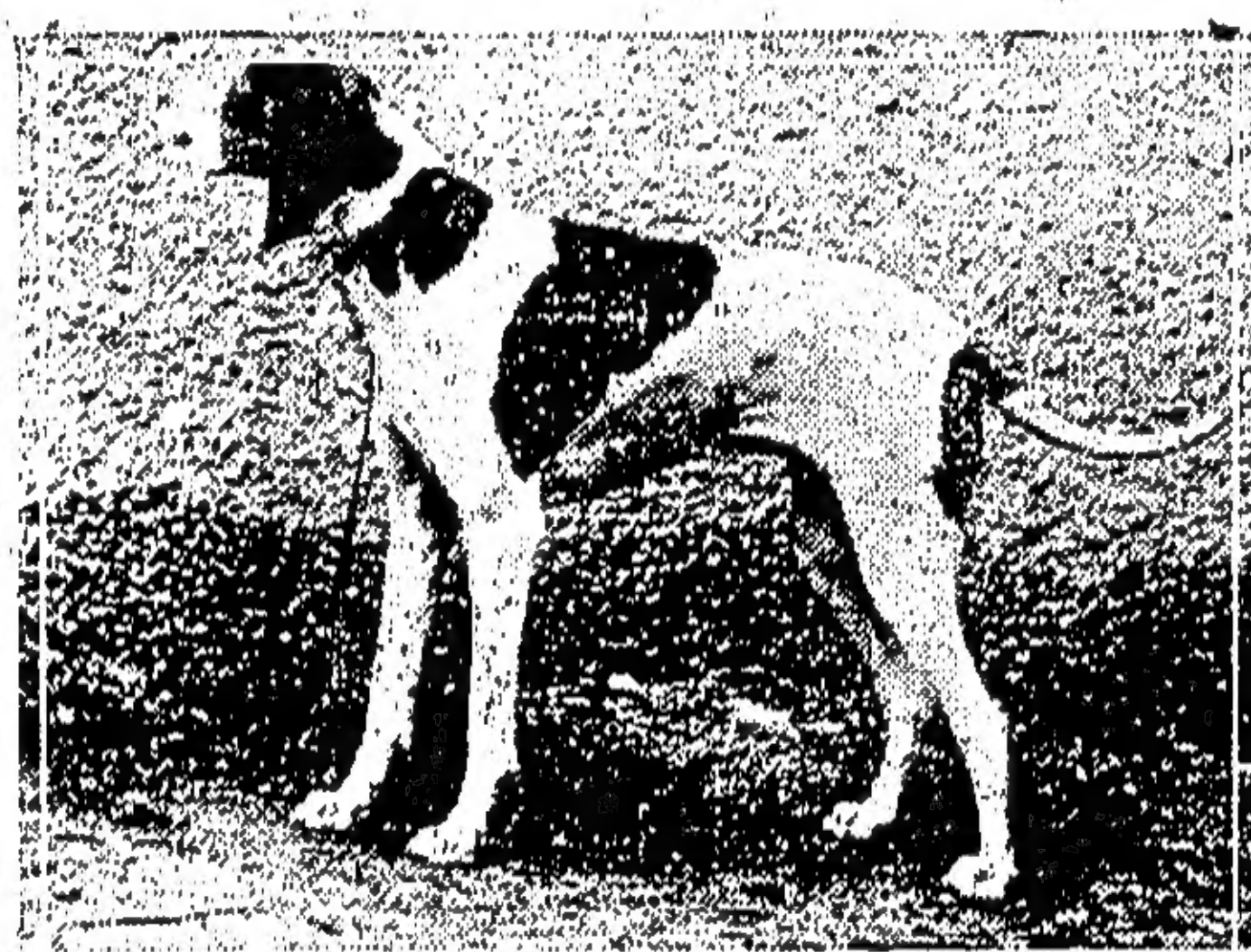
Miss Jessie Jim, daughter of Chief Long Jim, of the Okanogan Indian tribe, was crowned Princess America at the second national Indian Congress at Spokane.



Great crushes to attend the final services at Catholic churches in Mexico City caused many to succumb. They were treated at Red Cross first aid station, under tent in church yards.



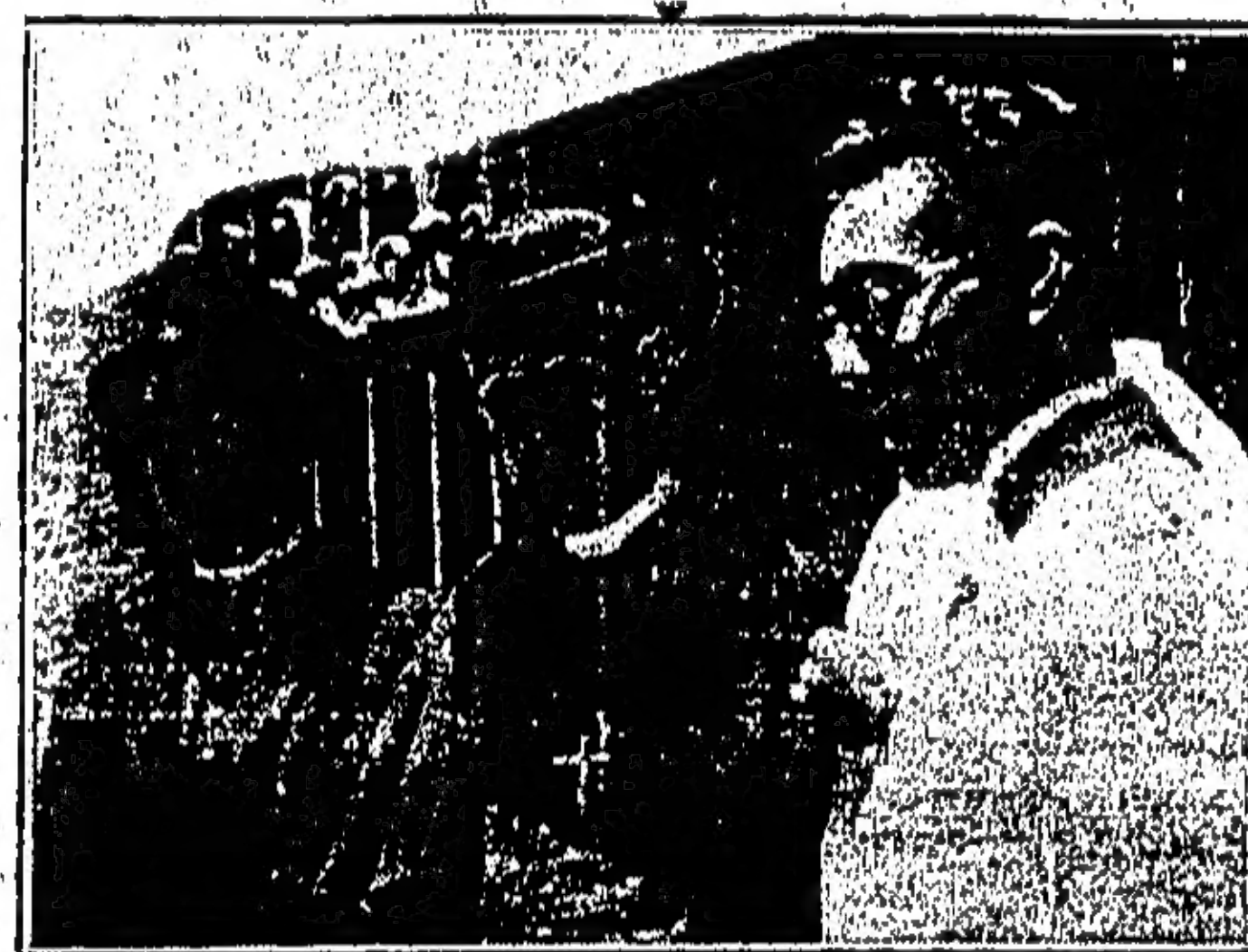
Vincent Richards, one of America's ranking tennis players.



"Ferdie Fay," Great Britain's best pointer (bitch), the property of the Duke of Grafton, of Coatbridge, which has been sold. The price has not been stated, but it is said to be a four-figure sum. "Ferdie Fay" has won 18 championships and over 200 first prizes.



Ernestine Calles, daughter of the President of Mexico, declares that her father sympathizes with the Catholic Church, and that reports from Mexico are greatly exaggerated.



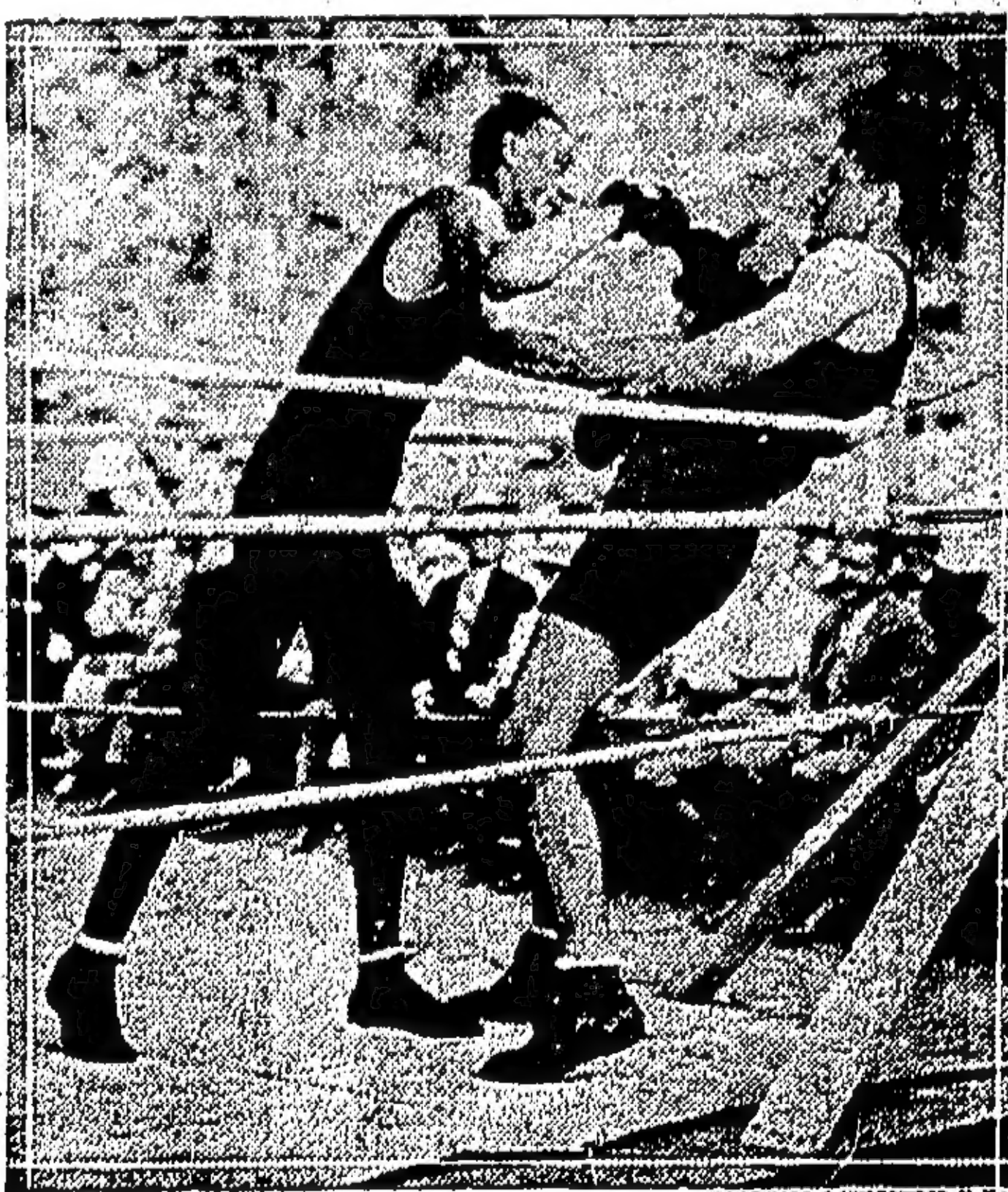
Troubles are telling on Archbishop Del Rio, shown between two priests, this picture just received from Mexico shows. He has taken an important part in the Church's struggle with the Government.



President Coolidge receiving the first forget-me-not from Daniel Manning, disabled American veteran, and his son, little Danny Manning, Jr. The flower was presented in the name of the Disabled American War Veterans of Saranac Post No. 18, and President Coolidge wore it on Argonne Day, September 25.

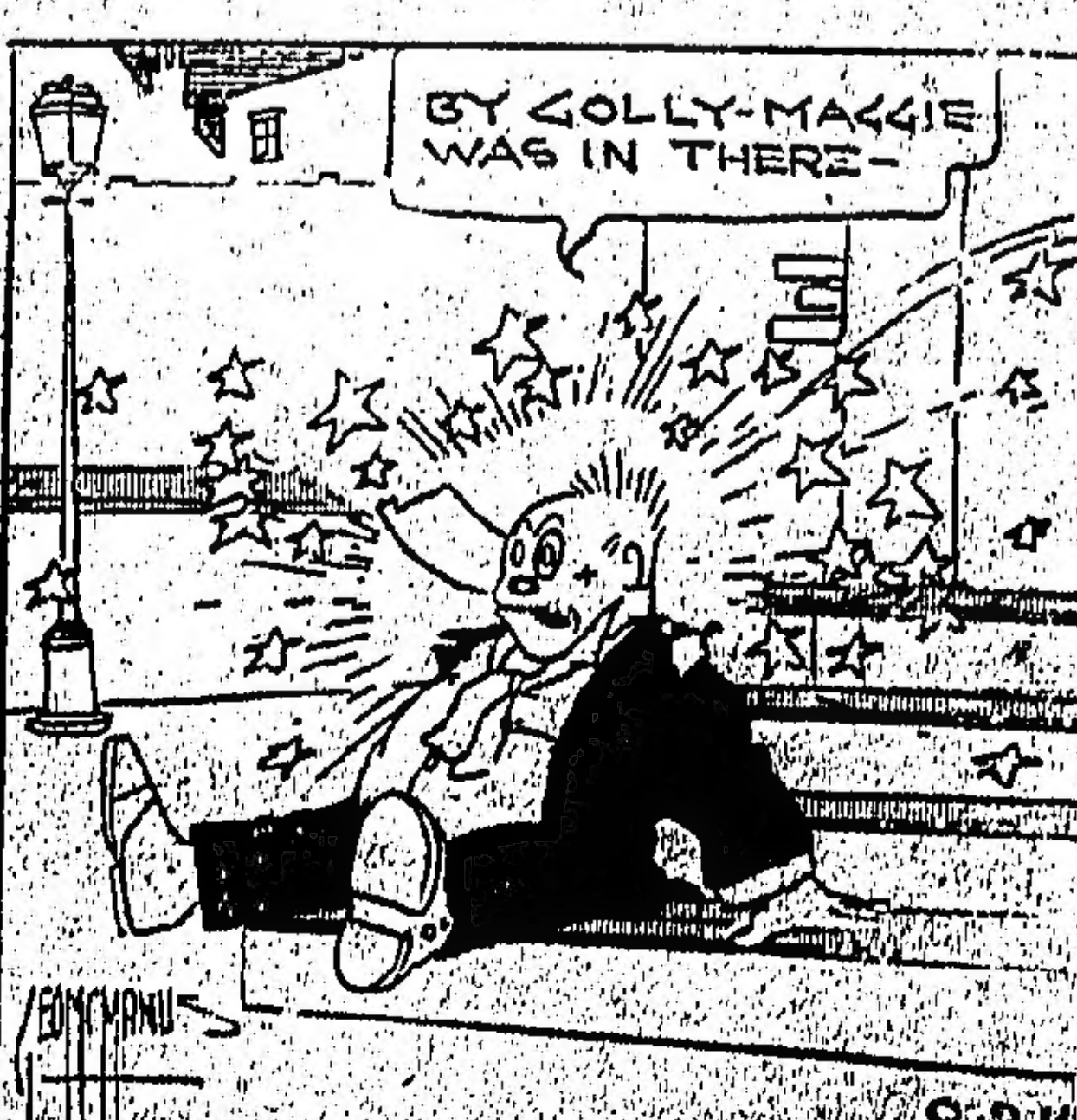


Secretary of the Treasury Paul, of Mexico, conferred with President Calles in an effort to arrange a truce between him and the Catholic church.



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